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# Summary

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Prandtl number measurements of air, helium, and airhelium mixtures have been performed over a temperature range from 300 to 700 K. Various methods of predicting the thermal conductivity and viscosity of binary mixtures were also investigated and results obtained by use of these methods were compared with the experimental results. The method set forth by Hirschfelder, Curtiss, and Bird which uses the Lennard-Jones intermolecular potential was selected and force constants determined from experimental data were applied for predicting thermal conductivity and viscosity. Dimensionless conductivities, viscosities, and Prandtl numbers were calculated over the temperature range of 200 to 3,000 K for mixtures ranging from pure air to pure helium. Achie R

## INTRODUCTION

Of the various transport properties of gases, the experimental determination of the coefficient of thermal conductivity encounters the most severe difficulties and accounts for the

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present limited knowledge of this property. The methods usually employed for such measurements rest upon Fourier's equation to describe the heat flow through a stagnant gas sample. Unfortunately, the low value for the coefficient of thermal conductivity for gases makes it extremely difficult to hold the heat losses to desirably small values. At higher temperatures, the radiative energy exchange between surfaces of the test cell is difficult to account for with desired accuracy. In addition, there is the requirement that natural convection currents should be avoided if reliable values are to be obtained.

These sources of error are reduced significantly when coefficients of thermal conductivity are derived from direct Prandtl number measurements as proposed by Eckert and Irvine (ref. 1). The large convective heat-transfer coefficients dominate the radiation fields and permit accurate measurements of the Prandtl number. Thermal conductivity coefficients are then obtained by using viscosity and heat-capacity data, properties which are known with greater confidence than the coefficient of thermal conductivity.

A continuing problem in heat transfer calculations is the determination of property information in a range of temperature where experimental measurements are scant or nonexistent. The hazards of extrapolating experimental data to higher temperatures are obvious. Unfortunately, the various molecular models used to represent the behavior of matter are presently inadequate since the fundamental laws governing molecular interaction are not sufficiently understood to permit the formulation of an integral, independent approach to the determination of property values.

An approach meeting with success is one embracing experiment and theory in a semitheoretical manner. Briefly, the method consists of determining from experimental data, values of the adjustable constants in the intermolecular potential which describes the action between molecules. When the resulting predictions of transport properties agree closely with experiment, extrapolation to regions where experimental data are meager or nonexistent may be undertaken with reasonable confidence.

The gas mixture of air and helium was selected in the present investigation for two reasons. There exists in general a need for measurements and predictions of thermal conductivity for binary gas mixtures at high temperatures and the mixture of a light gas such as helium with air offered an opportunity to study the characteristics of a dissimilar combination. In addition, there is an active interest in the physical properties of such a mixture because of the use of a light gas such as helium in transpiration cooling techniques.

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# SYMBOLS

A*,B*	function of T*
c <sub>p</sub>	heat capacity at constant pressure
E	thermal conductivity ratio, experimental over monatomic prediction
k	Boltzmann constant; also, thermal conductivity
М	molecular weight
Pr	Prandtl number
R	gas constant, cal/(gm-mole)(°K) or Btu/(lb-mole)(°R)
T	absolute temperature or temperature, deg. K
$T* = k / \epsilon$	
v	velocity
×	mole fraction
8	depth of Lennard-Jones intermolecular potential
€ <sub>12</sub>	potential minimum for unlike interactions, given empirically by  (*1*2)1/2
η	dynamic viscosity

o low-energy collision diameter of Lennard-Jones intermolecular potential

low-energy collision diameter for unlike molecules,  $(\sigma_1 + \sigma_2)/2$ 

 $\Omega^{(2,2)*}$  collision integral

# Subscripts:

mix of the mixture

mon molecules assumed to be effectively monatomic

o value at 273.16 K

r adiabatic recovery

T total

1,2 gases 1 and 2, respectively

12 unlike pair of molecules

## EXPERIMENTAL PROGRAM

An experimental program of Prandtl number measurements on air, helium, and air-helium mixtures over a temperature range of 300 to 700 K and one atmosphere pressure has been accomplished. The experimental procedure employed the method described in reference 1, which is based on the fact that a well-established, unique relation exists between the Prandtl number and the flat-plate recovery factor for laminar, high-velocity, boundary-layer flow. The equipment for making such measurements is discussed in detail in this reference and only a brief description of it will be given here except for such modifications as were necessary to transform the apparatus for work on mixtures.

The experimental apparatus consists of a subsonic nozzle through which a thermocouple wire is suspended along the nozzle axis and parallel to the flow direction. This wire is a butt-welded, differential thermocouple with one junction located upstream of the nozzle where the velocity is low and the other junction located at the nozzle exit plane where the velocity is a maximum. Under the proper conditions, the upstream junction comes into equilibrium with the total temperature of the gas stream and the downstream junction assumes the adiabatic recovery temperature associated with the gas stream at the exit of the nozzle.

In this installation, the thermocouple wire takes the place of a flat plate over which is moving a high velocity gas stream. The voltage reading of the differential thermocouple is proportional to the difference between the total temperature T<sub>T</sub> and the adiabatic recovery temperature T<sub>r</sub>. This reading, together with an independent measurement of the total temperature and the gas velocity at the nozzle exit, is sufficient to specify the recovery factor and the Prandtl number according to the relation

Recovery factor = 
$$Pr^{1/2} = 1 - \frac{2C_p(T_T - T_r)}{V^2}$$

The velocity in the above equation was determined by measuring the static pressure drop across the nozzle, expressing it as a ratio, and using the gas laws for isentropic expansion. The pressure drop across the nozzle was adjusted to give a Mach number at nozzle exit of about 0.90 to meet the high-velocity condition. The approach section to the nozzle was designed with care to insure that flow over the differential thermocouple wire was laminar in order that this requirement of the above equation was met. Using this arrangement, previous measurements have been reported (ref. 1) of Prandtl number and thermal conductivity values for air at atmospheric pressure, over a temperature range of 60 to 350 F.

Two modifications were made in using the apparatus to measure the Prandtl number of air-helium mixtures. One concerned the differential thermocouple and the other, the addition of tanks for the preparation of known mixtures of the two gases.

A careful analysis of possible systematic errors in these measurements reveals that a deviation from the true Prandtl number value may arise from the fact that a rotationally symmetrical body, that is, the thermocouple wire, is used instead of the two-dimensional plate for which the rule based on the square root of the Prandtl number was derived. This can cause a systematic error which depends upon the ratio of boundary-layer thickness to wire diameter. This error may become serious when one deals with lightweight gases such as helium which have characteristically thick boundary layers and, accordingly, it was necessary to use a thermocouple wire with a larger diameter than that used in the original apparatus.

Increasing the wire diameter, however, increases the heat conduction between the differential thermocouple junctions and may introduce another error into the procedure. To decrease both curvature and conduction errors, a differential thermocouple was made in the shape of a thin-walled (0.004) inch) tube, 0.125 inch in diameter, from Manganin and constantan metals. This thermocouple was used for measuring the airhelium mixture Prandtl numbers at room temperature (270 ± 10 K) reported in reference 43. Subsequent use of this thermocouple at elevated temperatures encountered erratic voltage outputs, due apparently to changes in the state of stress of the thin walled tube. Attempts to stress relieve the thermocouple and maintain it in a constant stress environment were unsuccessful and led to a return to the solid differential thermocouple (constantan-Manganin, 0.018 inch diameter) described in reference 1. For the reasons given above, the thermocouple diameter was increased to 0.024 inch diameter and the short center section of wire changed from Manganin to chromel because of Manganin deterioration with extended use at high temperature. Chromel was selected to reduce the conduction between junctions, its thermal conductivity being only 60 percent that of Manganin. Results for carbon-dioxide, carbon-dioxide-air mixtures, and helium reported in references 44 and 45, respectively, employed this particular differential thermocouple. Following these measurements deterioration of the constantan sections were

noted and were replaced by alumel. As noted in reference 46, the chromel-alumel pair exhibits an e.m.f. output depending upon its previous temperature history. The thermocouple was first calibrated, then aged for approximately 200 hours at a temperature of 900 to 1,000 F and recalibrated. While a shift in the e.m.f. vs. temperature curve was noted, the slopes used agreed to within 0.5 percent over the temperature range of experimentation. Measurements were made for the pure gases: argon, carbon-dioxide, helium, nitrogen and the mixtures: carbon-dioxide nitrogen, air-helium. Reports on these results are being prepared for publication.

In order to measure accurately the ratios of the airhelium mixtures, a separate mixing tank was used. The constituent gases were introduced into this tank from standard
metal bottles containing air and helium. The mixture ratios
were determined by making pressure and temperature measurements
in both the metal bottles and the mixing tank. In this way
it was possible, by using state equations with compressibility
corrections, to obtain two independent measurements of the
mixture ratios. These measurements agreed within 0.5 percent.

An analysis was made of the possible random and systematic errors in both the mixture-ratio and recovery-factor measurements. For the latter, instrument readings, calibration errors, radiation and conduction effects on the adiabatic condition, and the influence of the cylindrical geometry were considered. It was

predicted from this analysis that the systematic error in the Prandtl number was less than 1.4 percent and the random error, less than  $^{+}$  1.0 percent. In the case of the mixture-ratio determinations, a similar analysis predicted negligible systematic errors and random errors no greater than 1 percent.

Two possible errors deserve a separate discussion since they are unique to measurements of gases where the ratio of the molecular weights is significantly greater than unity. These concern the effect of thermal diffusion in the boundary layer on the rule for the square root of the Prandtl number and the variation of physical properties in this layer. It may be recalled that the above relation of Prandtl number and recovery factor was obtained from a solution of the boundarylayer equations under the condition of constant physical properties and in the absence of thermal diffusion (ref. 2). In order to investigate the present conditions, the boundarylayer equations were again solved, taking into account thermal diffusion and physical property dependence upon both temperature and mass concentration (ref. 3). These calculations indicated that the square root of the Prandtl number evaluated at the freestream mass concentration and the boundary-layer reference temperature used in reference l is an accurate representation of the recovery factor within 0.8 percent which amounts to 1.6 percent in the Prandtl number.

Using the techniques described above, measurements were made of the Prandtl number of air over the temperature range 270 to 700 K, the temperature capability of the present device.

The measurements are shown in figure 1 and will be discussed in greater detail in a later section. Numerical data from the smooth curve drawn through the experimental data in figure 1 are given in table 1.

# ANALYTICAL PROGRAM

Calculation Methods for Transport Properties of
Binary Mixtures and Pure Gases

Thermal conductivity for binary mixtures. Various analytical methods have been proposed to determine the thermal conductivity of binary gas mixtures. None of these are completely rigorous for mixtures involving polyatomic gases, however, and agreement with existing experimental data is usually obtained by adjusting the constants that appear in the equation.

Lindsay and Bromley (ref. 4) modified an equation, first proposed by Wassiljewa (ref. 5), based on kinetic theory.

Comparisons of calculated and experimental values of conductivity for a large number of gas mixtures were accomplished; the range of discrepancy was from -7.1 to 10 percent.

conductivity of a binary gas mixture, an example of which is given in reference 6. It too was developed from the kinetic theory and contains molecular parameters that are evaluated from existing experimental data, usually viscosity measurements. Keyes (ref. 6) found that conductivity values for the binary

mixture of nitrogen and carbon dioxide in the temperature range O to 150 C compared favorably with the experimental data when calculated using the Enskog relation. The calculations at O C for the mixture of hydrogen and carbon dioxide, however, did not agree satisfactorily with experiment.

Hirschfelder and coworkers (ref. 7) proposed that the conductivity of a binary gas mixture could be determined reliably by

$$k_{mix} = k_{mon}(x_1 E_1 + x_2 E_2)$$
 (1)

where  $k_{mon}$  is the calculated thermal conductivity of the mixture when the molecules are assumed to be effectively monatomic and of the same molecular weight as the polyatomic molecules involved. The mole factions of the two components are represented by  $x_1$  and  $x_2$ . The quantity  $E_1 = (k_1)_{exp}/(k_1)_1$  where  $(k_1)_{exp}$  represents the experimentally determined conductivity of the pure gas and  $(k_1)_1$ , the approximation to the conductivity of the pure gas, assuming it to be monatomic.

The necessary equations for determining the thermal conductivity of a binary gas mixture according to the method proposed in reference 7 are as follows:

$$\frac{1}{k_{mon}} = \frac{X_k + Y_k}{1 + Z_k}$$
 (2)

$$X_{k} = \frac{x_{1}^{2}}{(k_{1})_{1}} + \frac{2x_{1}x_{2}}{(k_{12})_{1}} + \frac{x_{2}^{2}}{(k_{2})_{1}}$$
 (2a)

$$Y_{k} = \frac{x_{1}^{2}}{(k_{1})_{1}} U^{(1)} + \frac{2x_{1}^{2}}{(k_{12})_{1}} U^{(Y)} + \frac{x_{2}^{2}}{(k_{2})_{1}} U^{(2)}$$
 (2b)

$$z_k = x_1^2 U^{(1)} + 2x_1 x_2 U^{(2)} + x_2^2 U^{(2)}$$
 (2c)

$$U^{(1)} = \frac{4}{15} A_{12}^{*} - \frac{1}{12} \left( \frac{12}{5} B_{12}^{*} + 1 \right) \frac{M_{1}}{M_{2}} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\left( M_{1} - M_{2} \right)^{2}}{M_{1} M_{2}}$$
 (2d)

$$U^{(2)} = \frac{4}{15} A_{12}^* - \frac{1}{12} \left( \frac{12}{5} B_{12}^* + 1 \right) \frac{M_2}{M_1} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\left( M_2 - M_1 \right)^2}{M_1 M_2}$$
 (2e)

$$U^{(Y)} = \frac{4}{15} A_{12}^{*} \left[ \frac{\left(M_{1} + M_{2}\right)^{2}}{4M_{1}M_{2}} \right] \frac{\left(k_{12}\right)_{1}^{2}}{\left(k_{1}\right)_{1}\left(k_{2}\right)_{1}} - \frac{1}{12} \left(\frac{12}{5} B_{12}^{*} + 1\right)$$
$$- \frac{5}{32A_{12}^{*}} \left(\frac{12}{5} B_{12}^{*} - 5\right) \frac{\left(M_{1} - M_{2}\right)^{2}}{M_{1}M_{2}}$$
(2f)

$$U^{(Z)} = \frac{4}{15} A_{12}^{*} \left\{ \left[ \frac{\left(M_{1} + M_{2}\right)^{2}}{4M_{1}M_{2}} \right] \left[ \frac{\left(k_{12}\right)_{1}}{\left(k_{1}\right)_{1}} + \frac{\left(k_{12}\right)_{1}}{\left(k_{2}\right)_{1}} \right] - 1 \right\} - \frac{1}{12} \left( \frac{12}{5} B_{12}^{*} + 1 \right) (2g)$$
where

 $x_1, x_2$  mole fractions of gases 1 and 2

 $M_1, M_2$  molecular weights of gases 1 and 2

 $A_{12}^{*}, B_{12}^{*}$  functions of  $T_{12*} = kT/\epsilon_{12}$  (ref. 7, p. 1128)

minimum potential energy for interaction of unlike pairs of molecules,  $\sqrt{\epsilon_1 \epsilon_2}$ 

T temperature, deg. K

(k<sub>1</sub>)<sub>1</sub>,(k<sub>2</sub>)<sub>1</sub> first approximation to thermal conductivity of pure gases 1 and 2, cal/cm sec °K

The quantity k<sub>12</sub> is given by

$$(k_{12})_1 \times 10^7 = 1989.1 \frac{\sqrt{T(M_1 + M_2)/2M_1M_2}}{\sigma_{12}^2 \Omega_{12}^{(2,2)*} (T_{12}^*)}$$
 (2h)

and may be regarded as the thermal conductivity of a hypothetical monatomic pure substance, the molecules of which have a molecular weight of  $2M_1M_2/(M_1+M_2)$  and interact according to a potential curve characterized by the interaction parameters  $\sigma_{12}$  and  $\varepsilon_{12}$ . The quantity  $\sigma_{12}$  is the distance in Angstroms at which low-energy molecules collide and is customarily taken as the arithmetical mean of  $\sigma_1$  and  $\sigma_2$ . The expression  $\Omega_{12}^{(2,2)*}$  is the collision integral and indicates the deviation of any particular molecular model from the idealized rigid-sphere model. It is listed for various values of  $T^* = kT/\varepsilon$  in reference 7.

Thermal conductivity for pure gases. The quantities  $(k_1)_1$  and  $(k_2)_1$  are determined in cal/cm sec  $^{\circ}K$  by

$$(k)_1 \times 10^7 = 1989.1 \frac{\sqrt{T/M}}{\sigma^2 \Omega^{(2,2)*}(T^*)}$$
 (2i)

where

- M molecular weight of pure component
- o low-energy collision diameter for interaction of like molecules
- $\Omega^{(2,2)*}$  collision integral for like molecules, tabulated as functions of  $T^* = kT/\epsilon$  (ref. 7, p. 1126)

It is apparent from the preceding equations that calculations of thermal conductivity employing the Mirschfelder method are lengthy. It was found, however, that better agreement with the experimental data was obtained through this approach. Thus Lindahl (ref. 47) examined the thermal conductivity of eighteen gas pairs over temperatures ranging from 0 to 800 C and verified the superior accuracy of the Hirschfelder method, as compared to the previous methods (refs. 4, 6) and a later scheme by Brokaw (ref. 49).

The molecular parameters used in the Chapman-Enskog
theory as developed by Hirschfelder, Curtiss, and Bird are
of, which is a characteristic distance of the interaction
potential energy between two molecules (the average collision
diameter of simple kinetic theory), and s/k, which further
characterizes the potential by specifying the depth of the
minimum in the potential energy of interaction. Since viscosity
data are more abundant and usually more accurate than thermal
conductivity data, practice has been to use the potential
parameters determined from viscosity data in calculating both
viscosity and thermal conductivity. Values of both these
parameters for various gases are given in reference 7.

The existence of a large body of experimental measurements of air thermal conductivity, however, suggested that these measurements be analyzed to determine a best pair of force constants to be used to predict thermal-conductivity coefficients. This analysis was accomplished by first dividing the experimental conductivities by the Eucken correction (ref. 48) which accounts approximately for the transfer of energy between translation and the internal degrees of freedom in molecules having two or more atoms. The results of this operation were then analyzed using equation (21). Successive values of &/k were chosen; for each choice a set of o values results, one for each temperature at which experimental values of k are reported. The s/k associated with the set of o values exhibiting the least-square percent deviation from the average was then selected together with the average of as the parameters best characterizing the gas behavior with respect to thermal conductivity. The predicted variation of thermal conductivity with temperature for air is shown in figure 2. The experimental air data are given in refs. 9 to 16, 31 and 52. The predicted curve using force constants based on thermal conductivity gives a good fit of the experimental data. This is particularly true at lower temperatures where the data would be expected to be most reliable. At higher temperatures departure from the experimental data occurs.

The experimental data of Stops (ref. 12) extends beyond 1,000 K but involve radiation corrections so large that these were not plotted. The average deviation between statistical predictions and experimental data is about 1 percent; the maximum deviation is 12 percent at 1,200 K.

Figure 3 shows similar comparisons for the thermal conductivity of helium, the experimental data being that reported in references 17 to 20. Statistical predictions based on thermal-conductivity data clearly deviate least from the experimental data. The average deviation is less than 1 percent, the maximum less than 2 percent. Because of the relative success of using thermal-conductivity-determined force constants, it was decided to employ these in determining the thermal conductivities of air-helium mixtures. The force constants determined from the analysis of conductivity data and used for mixture calculations are given in table 2.

Viscosity for binary mixtures. The methods for predicting the viscosity of binary gas mixtures were reviewed to determine the basis and accuracy of available methods.

A general form of the viscosity for binary gas mixtures was developed by Buddenberg and Wilke (ref. 21) and later simplified by Wilke (ref. 22) by means of the kinetic theory of gases. This method has been used with success in predicting the viscosity of such binary mixtures as hydrogen-air and air-helium (ref. 23). Pulkrabek (ref. 50) examined viscosity

measurements for binary mixtures involving helium as one component however, and verified the superiority of the Hirschfelder method (ref. 7).

According to this method as proposed in reference 7, the viscosity of a binary gas mixture is given by:

$$\frac{1}{(\eta_{\text{mix}})_1} = \frac{X_{\eta} + Y_{\eta}}{1 + Z_{\eta}} \tag{3}$$

where

$$X_{\eta} = \frac{x_1^2}{(\eta_1)_1} + \frac{2x_1x_2}{(\eta_{12})_1} + \frac{x_2^2}{(\eta_2)_1}$$
 (3a)

$$Y_{\eta} = \frac{3}{5} A_{12*} \left\{ \frac{x_{1}^{2} \binom{M_{1}}{M_{2}}}{(\eta_{1})_{1} \binom{M_{2}}{M_{2}}} + \frac{2x_{1}x_{2}}{(\eta_{12})_{1}} \left[ \frac{(M_{1} + M_{2})^{2}}{4M_{1}M_{2}} \right] \frac{(\eta_{12})_{1}^{2}}{(\eta_{1})_{1}(\eta_{2})_{1}} + \frac{x_{2}^{2} \binom{M_{2}}{M_{1}}}{(\eta_{2})_{1} \binom{M_{2}}{M_{1}}} \right\}$$
(3b)

$$Z_{\eta} = \frac{3}{5} A_{12} \left\{ x_{1}^{2} \left( \frac{M_{1}}{M_{2}} \right) + 2x_{1} x_{2} \left\{ \left[ \frac{\left( M_{1} + M_{2} \right)^{2}}{4M_{1} M_{2}} \right] \left[ \frac{\left( \eta_{12} \right)_{1}}{\left( \eta_{2} \right)_{1}} + \frac{\left( \eta_{12} \right)_{1}}{\left( \eta_{2} \right)_{1}} - 1 \right\} + x_{2}^{2} \left( \frac{M_{2}}{M_{1}} \right) \right\}$$

$$(3c)$$

where  $(\eta_1)_1$  and  $(\eta_2)_1$  are the first approximations to the viscosity of the pure gases 1 and 2 in gm/cm sec.

The quantity  $(\eta_{12})_1$  is given by

$$(\eta_{12})_1 \times 10^7 = 266.93 \frac{\sqrt{2M_1M_2T/(M_1 + M_2)}}{\sigma_{12}^2\Omega_{12}^{(2,2)*}(T_{12}^*)}$$
 (3d)

and may be regarded as the viscosity of a hypothetical pure substance which has a molecular weight of  $2M_1M_2/(M_1+M_2)$ . The molecules of this gas interact according to a potential-energy curve described by the molecular parameters  $\sigma_{12}$  and  $\varepsilon_{12}$ . The former is the low-energy collision diameter for unlike molecules customarily taken as  $(\sigma_1 + \sigma_2)/2$ ; the latter is the potential minimum for unlike interactions and is given empirically by  $\sqrt{\varepsilon_1\varepsilon_2}$ . The quantity  $\Omega_{12}^{(2,2)*}$  is the collision integral and represents the deviation of any particular molecular model from the idealized rigid sphere model. Values are reported in reference 7 with  $T^* = kT/\varepsilon$  as argument.

Viscosity for pure gases. The quantities  $(\eta_1)_1$  and  $(\eta_2)_1$  are given in gm/cm sec by

$$(\eta_1)_1 \times 10^7 = 266.93 \frac{\sqrt{MT}}{\sigma^2_{\Omega}(2,2)^*(T^*)}$$
 (3e)

where

M molecular weight of pure component

o low-energy collision diameter for interaction of like molecules, A

 $\Omega^{(2,2)*}$  collision integral for like molecules, tabulated in reference 7

Because this method was consistent with the thermalconductivity calculations, gave satisfactory results for the viscosity of pure substances and best results for binary gas mixtures involving helium, it was decided to utilize this approach for determining air-helium viscosities.

Figure 4 presents the statistical predictions of viscosity for air and the results of several experimental investigations (refs. 24 to 27). The values of the National Bureau of Standards tabulated in reference 8 are also shown for comparison. Agreement is excellent up to 1,000 K where the statistical predictions deviate from both experimental data and the NBS best fit. The average deviation of the statistical predictions from experimental data is about 1 percent and the maximum about 2 percent.

Figure 5 presents the results of viscosity predictions for helium compared with experimental measurements (refs. 26 and 28 to 35). Agreement with experimental data for helium was not quite as good as that for air, (deviations: average 1.5 percent, maximum 2.5 percent). These were not considered to be excessive in view of the fact that a common method was employed for predicting the properties of the mixture components. A somewhat better fit of the experimental viscosity measurements for helium could be obtained by selecting a pair of force constants other than those given in reference 7 and repeated in table 2; however, these were found to be quite satisfactory in predicting viscosities of other binary mixtures

involving helium. Thus figure 6 shows the measured viscosities of three different binary mixtures having helium as one component (refs. 28, 34, 36, and 37). Also shown are the predicted viscosities for these mixtures obtained by using equation (3). The maximum difference between experimental viscosities and those predicted by equation (3) is 2.5 percent with an average difference of about 1 percent. Such results were taken as grounds for using the helium force constants in table 2 to calculate mixture viscosities of air and helium by the Hirschfelder method.

Heat capacity for binary mixtures, - The heat capacity
of a binary mixture may be simply and accurately determined by

$$c_{p} = \sum_{i} c_{p_{i}} x_{i} = c_{p_{1}} x_{1} + c_{p_{2}} x_{2}$$
 (4)

where  $C_{p_i}$  and  $x_i$  represent, respectively, the heat capacity and mole fraction of the ith component. The heat capacities for pure air and helium were taken from references 8 and 38.

Transport Properties Calculated for Air-Helium
Mixtures and Pure Gases

The coefficient of thermal conductivity for air-helium mixtures is given in table 4 and plotted in figure 7. For convenience, this has been expressed as a dimensionless conductivity following the practice of the National Bureau of Standards. The reference thermal conductivity is that of air at a temperature of 273.16 K and pressure of 1 atmosphere

and is taken as equal to 5.760 x 10<sup>-5</sup> cal/(cm-sec)(°K). Values of the conductivity are plotted at 100 degree increments from 200 to 3,000 K over the full mixture range at intervals of one-tenth mole fraction from pure air to pure helium. The results hold for dilute gases where the pressure effect is negligible.

The coefficient of viscosity for air-helium mixtures is given in table 5 and plotted in figure 8. Again as in the case of the thermal conductivity, the viscosity is reported as a ratio; the reference viscosity is that of air at a temperature of 273.16 K and pressure of 1 atmosphere and has the value 1.715 x 10<sup>-4</sup> gm/sec-cm. The temperature and mole fraction arguments at which the viscosities are tabulated are the same as in the case of thermal conductivity.

The heat capacity at constant pressure for the mixtures of helium and air is given by table 6 as the dimensionless quantity  $C_p/R$ . Values are listed at the same increments of temperature and mole fractions as for the thermal conductivity.

The utility of the Prandtl number  $Pr = \eta C_p/k$  in heattransfer considerations and the availability of heat-capacity, viscosity, and thermal-conductivity values reported in tables 4, 5, and 6 suggested that the Prandtl numbers at various temperatures and mole fractions can be calculated. The results are given in table 6 at the same temperatures and mole fractions used in the previous tables for thermal conductivity. The Prandtl numbers are also plotted in figure 9, which covers the entire range of temperatures and mixture mole fractions. These data for the Prandtl number, as for the thermal conductivity, viscosity, and heat capacity, are applicable to dilute gases where pressure effects are negligible. To facilitate the use of the tables and charts of the dimensionless transport properties and heat capacities, conversion factors, table 3, have been included with both modes of data presentation.

Air Prandtl number. - Because of the importance of the Prandtl number of pure air in heat-transfer calculations, the results of this work were compared (fig. 10) with those of earlier studies (refs. 15, 39, 40, 41, and 43). The deviation of the Prandtl numbers is caused primarily by the different viscosity and conductivities used in the various works since the real-cas heat capacities are little different from the zero-pressure heat capacities used in some cases. Hansen (ref. 42) obtained predictions of the Prandtl number of air at high temperatures (to 15,000 K) by considering the molecules to behave as hard elastic spheres, the molecular collision integrals being represented as a simple function of the temperature according to the Sutherland formula. While this representation is consistent with other approximations employed at high temperatures. it is not so satisfactory as the collision-integral method. The latter method, which was used in the present study, yields quite accurate integrals for collisions between diatomic molecules, The results reported in reference 42, which overlap those of this report, differ from those in this report by approximately 10 percent in the temperature range 1,000 to 3,000 K.

The uncertainty in the Prandtl number for air is less than 2 percent at temperatures less than 500 K and grows larger at higher temperatures where thermal-conductivity data are not so reliable. The results of this work agree with those of Hilsenrath and Touloukian (ref. 39) and Glassman and Bonilla (ref. 15) up to 500 K, but depart gradually (fig. 10) beyond this temperature until at 1,000 K it is less than the Hilsenrath-Touloukian values by 6.5 percent and less than the Glassman-Bonilla value by 3 percent. At this temperature this tabulation exceeds the Keenan-Kaye and Tribus-Boelter values by 1.4 percent. The tabulation of this work agrees to within 2.0 percent with the Prandtl number predictions made earlier (ref. 43) to 600 K. Beyond this temperature, the difference grows and reaches 5 percent at 1,500 K. A consideration of the properties used in the two studies to calculate the Prandtl number indicates that disagreement arises almost entirely from differences in the thermal conductivity predictions used in each case. The molecular parameters used in this work lead to larger thermal conductivities than those reported in reference 43 and cause a comparable reduction in the Prandtl number,

Helium Prandtl number. Kinetic theory predicts a constant value for the Prandtl number of a monatomic gas. For the helium

molecular parameters used in this report, the Prandtl number was found to be 0.691. This compares with the value of 0.66 measured by Stroom et al. (ref. 45) and the range of values 0.67 to 0.73, determined by the correlations reported in reference 39 for the temperature range 100 to 600 K. The difference between Stroom's measurements and the 0.691 value calculated in this study is due to the somewhat smaller thermal conductivity values determined from the Lennard-Jones model for helium when compared with experimental data (ref. 45).

# CONCLUDING REMARKS

Measurements of air Prandtl number have been obtained over the temperature range 270 to 675 K with a consistency of  $\stackrel{+}{\sim}$  0.5 percent. An error analysis of the experimental procedure and consideration of the effects of variable properties caused by temperature and composition variations indicate a maximum uncertainty of 2.5 percent for the data. These measurements, shown in figure 1, agree closely with the predictions made in reference 43. The predictions of this work are within 2.5 percent of the measured Prandtl number.

Various methods of predicting the thermal conductivity and viscosity of binary mixtures were investigated. These were combined with heat-capacity data to form Prandtl numbers. The method described by Hirschfelder, Curtiss, and Bird (ref. 7) using the Lennard-Jones intermolecular potential was selected using separately evaluated force constants from experimental thermal conductivity and viscosity data in calcu-

lating these properties. Mixture Prandtl numbers calculated by this method were within 3.0 percent of the helium-air experimental values reported in reference 43. Dimensionless thermal conductivity, viscosity, and Prandtl number are given in tables and charts over a temperature range of 200 to 3,000 K for mixtures ranging from pure air to pure helium.

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TABLE 1.- VALUES OF PRANDTL NUMBER OF AIR FROM FAIRED CURVE

Temperature	
Degrees	Prandtl
Kelvin	Number
280	0.711
300	0,708
320	0.705
340	0.702
360	0.700
380	0,698
400	0.696
420	0.694
440	0.692
460	0.690
480	0,689
500	0.688
520	0.687
540	0.686
560	0.685
580	0.685
600	0.685
620	0.685
640	0.686
660	0.686
680	0.687

TABLE 2. INTERMOLECULAR FORCE CONSTANTS

	From visco (ref.		From t conducti	hermal vity data
Gas	o,A	€/k,°K	o,A	€/k,°K
Helium	2.576	10.22	2.585	12.5
Air	3.689	84.0	3,421	154 <sub>e</sub>

TABLE 3. CONVERSION FACTORS FOR THERMAL CONDUCTIVITY,
VISCOSITY, AND HEAT CAPACITY

To change -	To -	Having dimensions -	Multiply by -
	Th	ermal conductivity	
k/k <sub>o</sub>	k	Cal/(sec)(cm)(°K) Watts/(cm)(°K) Btu/(hr)(ft.)(°R)	0.5760 x 10 <sup>-4</sup> 2.410 139.3
		Viscosity	
η <b>/</b> η <sub>0</sub>	η	Kg/(hr)(m) Slug/(hr)(ft) Lb <sub>f</sub> (sec)/(ft)	6,174.0 × 10 <sup>-5</sup> 128.9 0,03582
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		Lbm (sec)(ft)	1.152
		Heat capacity	
C <sub>p</sub> /R	c <sub>p</sub>	Cal/(gm-mole)(°K) Btu/(lb-mole)(°R)	1.98719 1.98588

TABLE 4. THERMAL CONDUCTIVITY OF AIR-HELIUM MIXTURES AT 1-ATMOSPHERE PRESSURE

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TABLE 6. HEAT CAPACITY OF AIR-HELIUM MIXTURES AT 1-AIMOSPHERE PRESSURE

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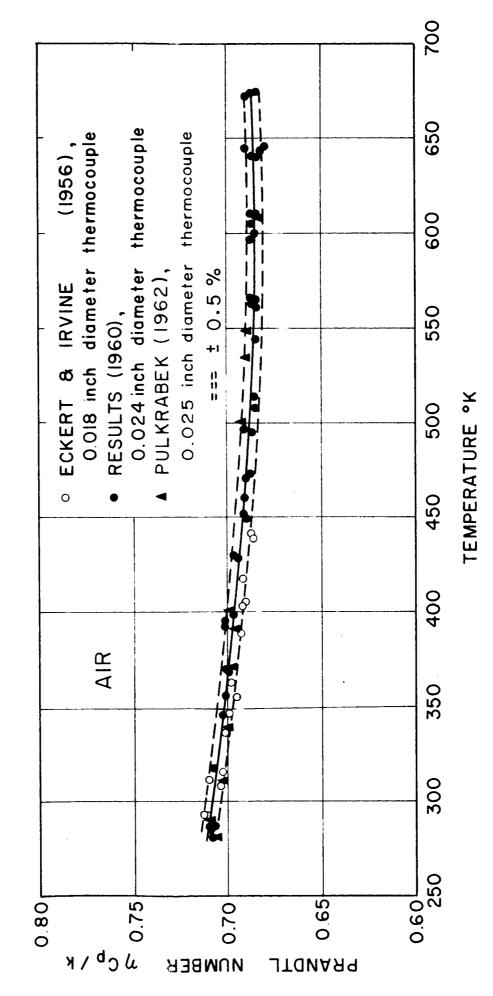
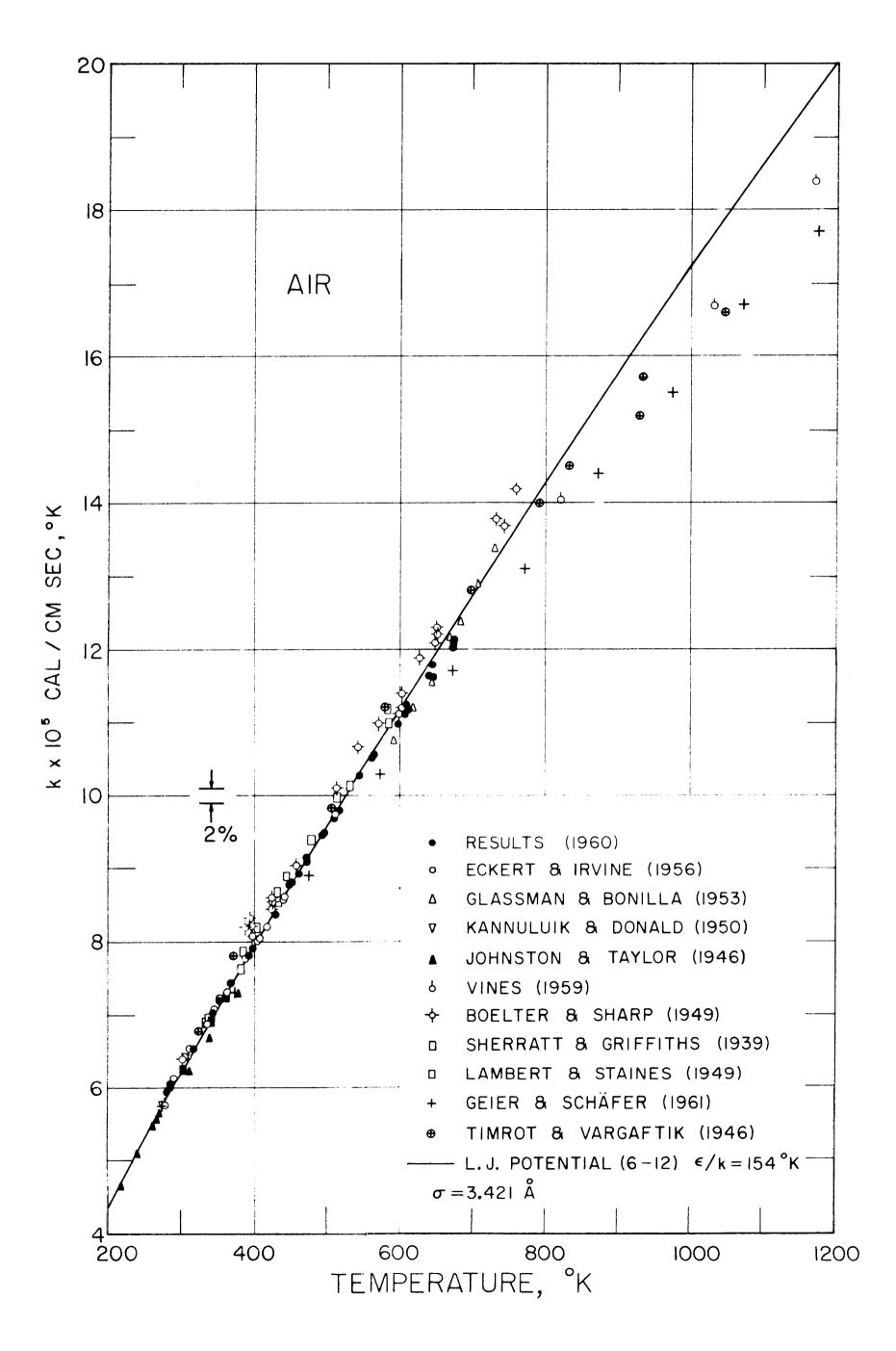
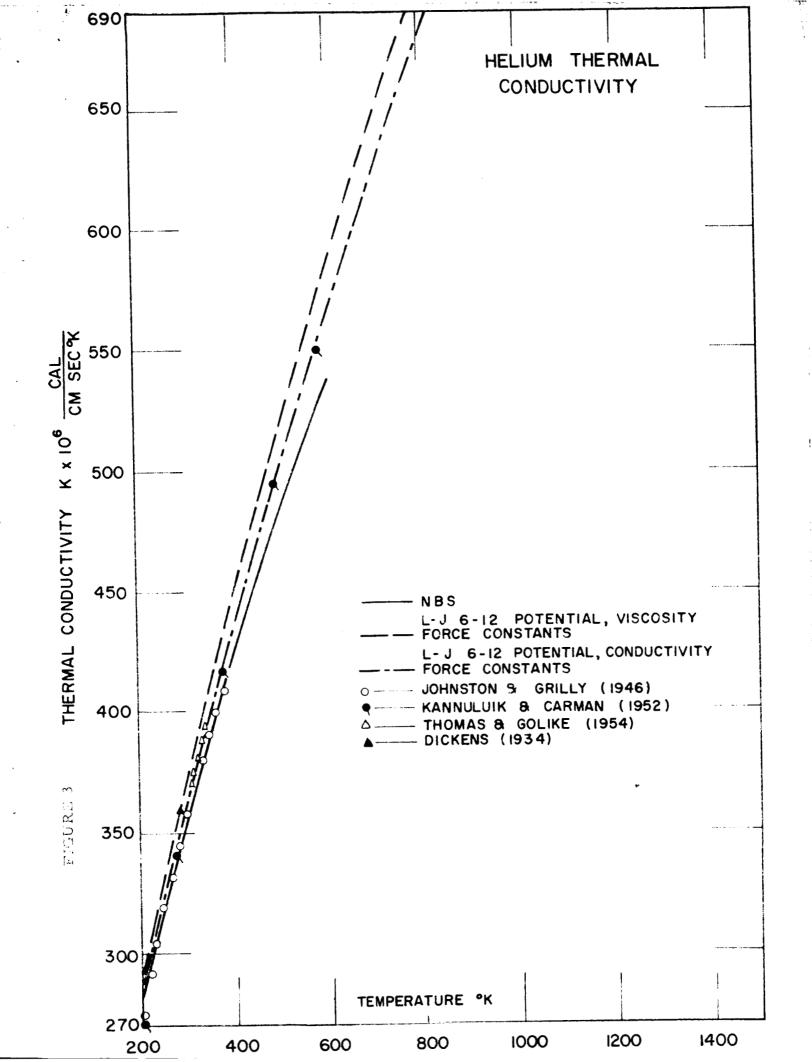
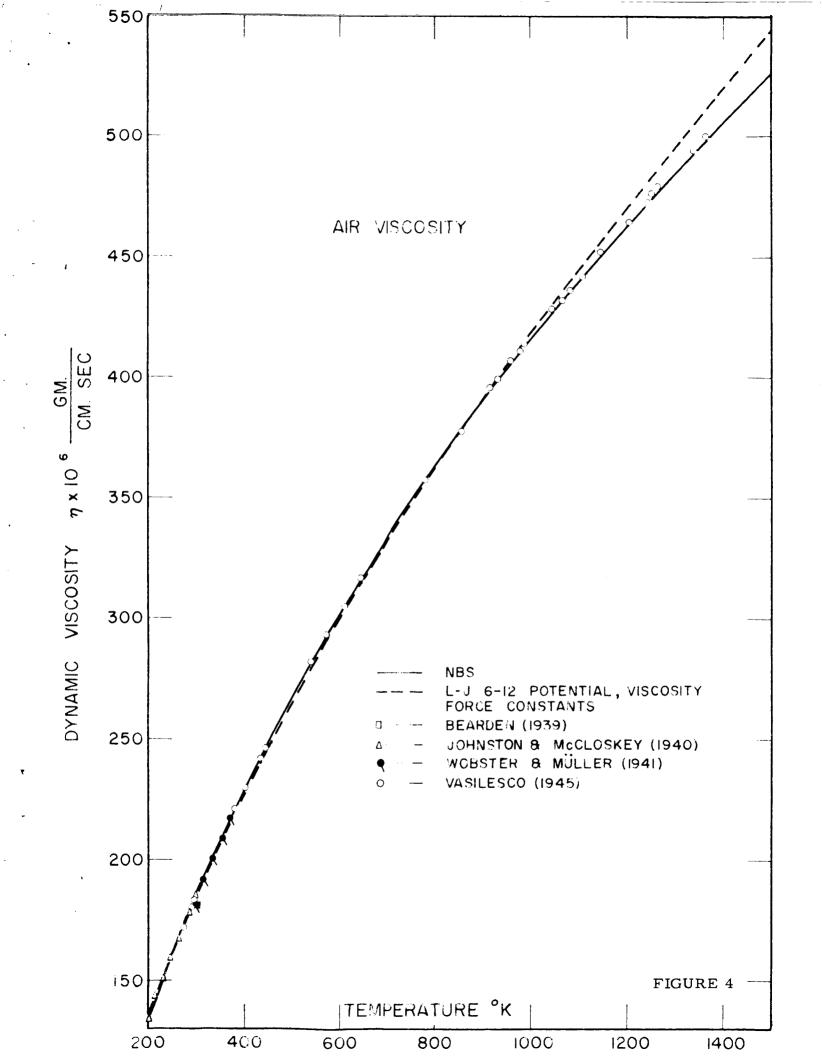
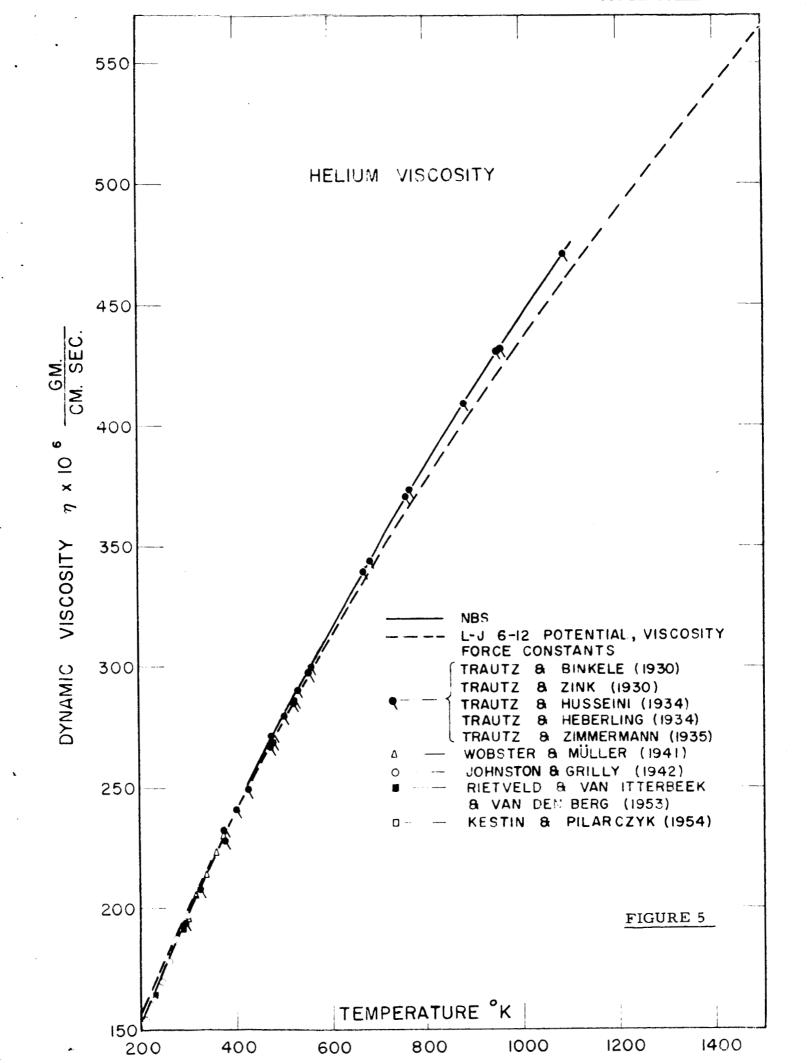


FIGURE 1









## BINARY GAS MIXTURE VISCOSITIES

CALCULATED LJ 6-12 POTENTIAL **EXPERIMENTAL** DATA

- I TRAUTZ, KIPPHAN (1929)
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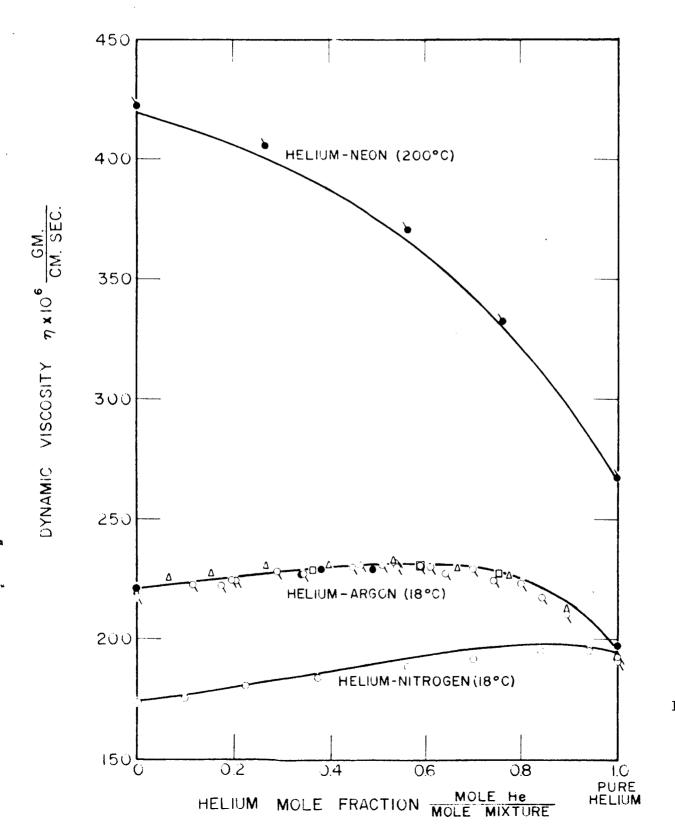
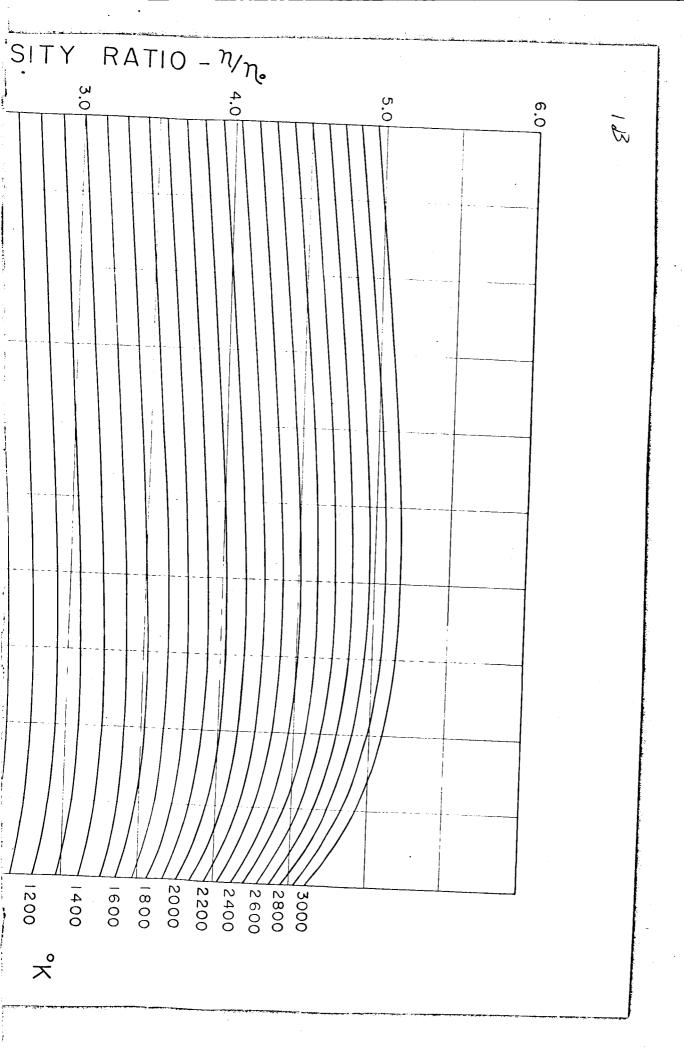
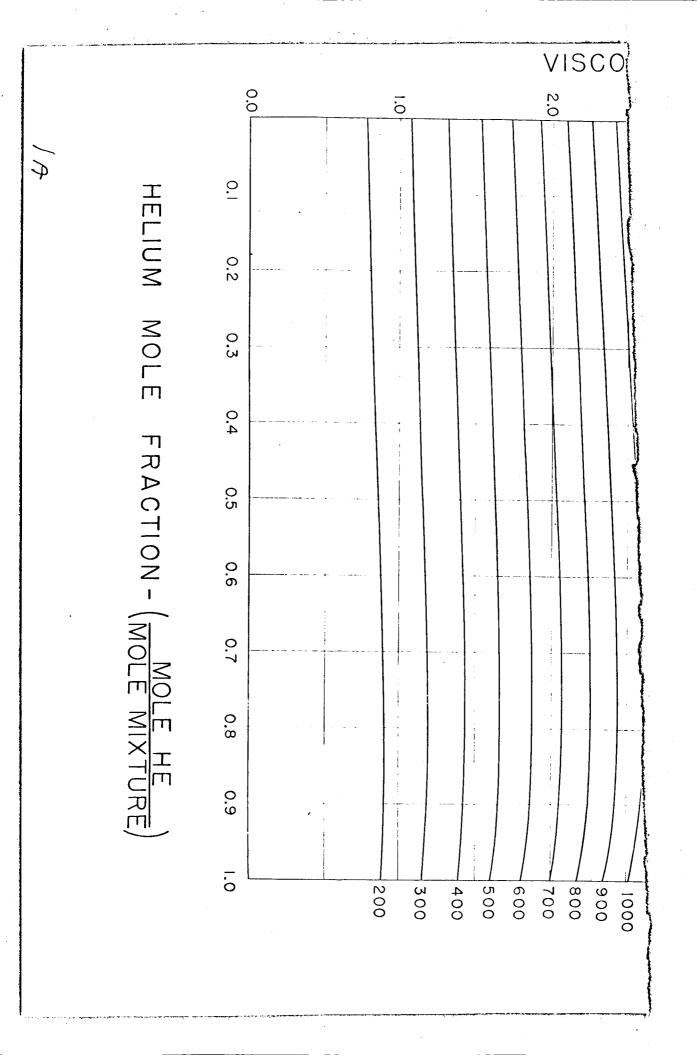
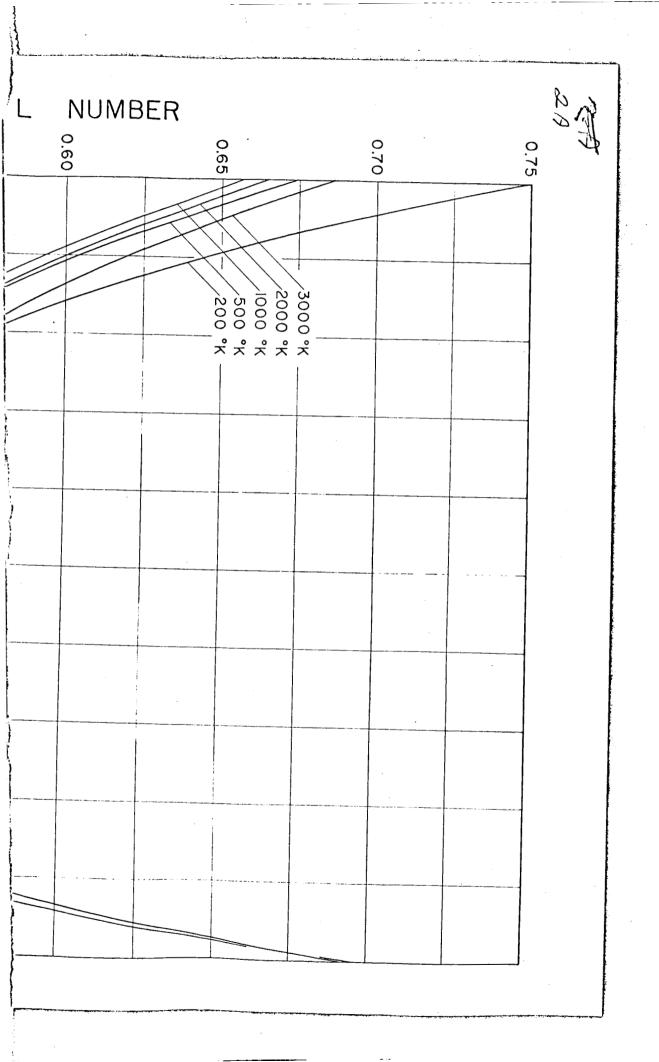
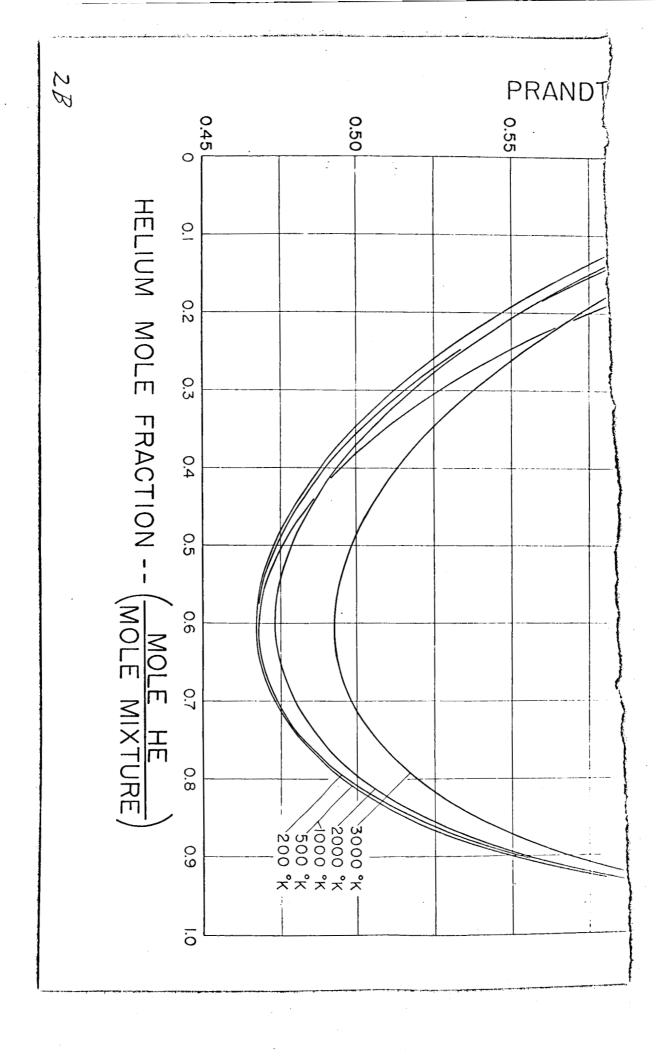


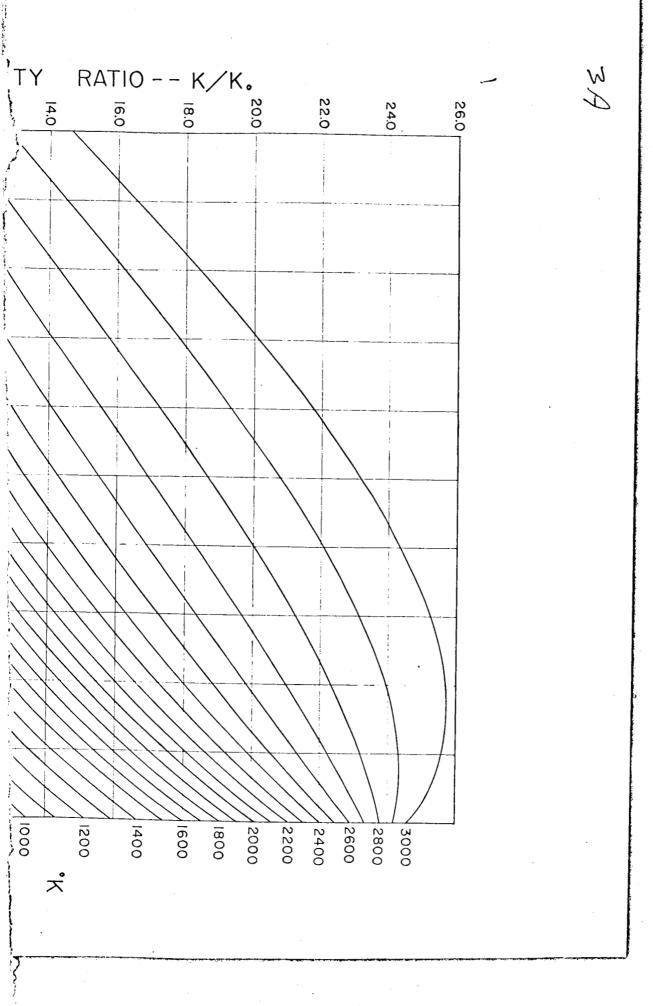
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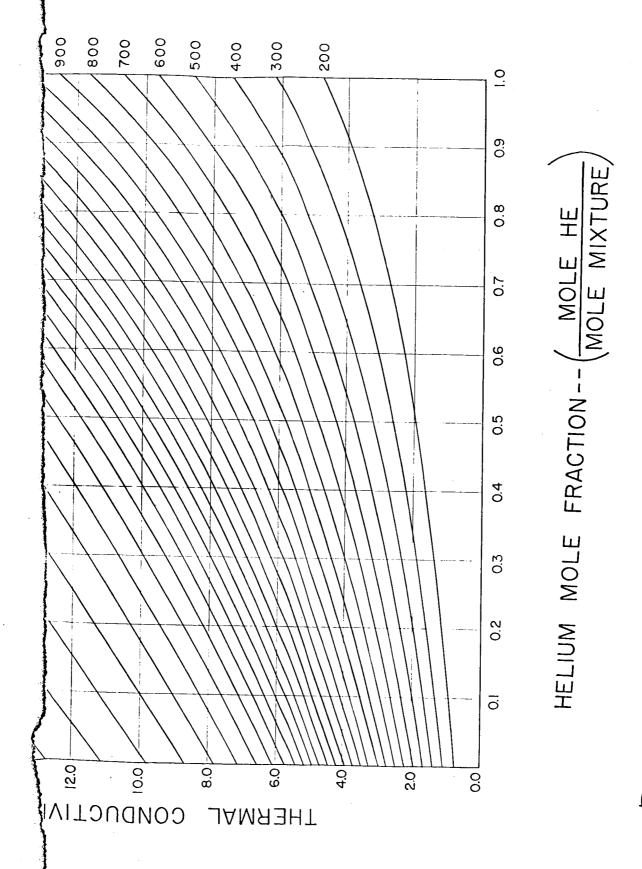












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